

MEETING SUMMARY REPORT

**Portland Maine
Portland SCORE Office
100 Middle Street, 2nd Floor
Portland, ME 04101**

Thursday, August 16, 2007

Regulatory Fairness Board Forum

Total attendance: 25

RegFair Board in attendance 02

SBA personnel 05

Agencies attending 06 (IRS, DOL, OSHA, WHD, DHS-CIS, EPA, USDA-FSIS)

No. of comments 03

Organization	Contact	Membership
National Federation of Independent Businesses	David Clough	4,500
Maine Lobstermen's Assn	Patrice McCarron	1,200
Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce	Chip Morrison	750
Jay Livermore Chamber of Commerce	Bonnie Perkins	125
Eastern Maine Development Corporation	Victoria Burpee	125
Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce	Peter Thompson	600
Maine State Chamber of Commerce	Dana Connors	5,000
Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce	Candace Guerette	750
Maine Small Business Development Centers	John Massaua	200
Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce	Costas Christ	120
Bath Brunswick Region Chamber of Commerce	Heather Collins	245
Belfast Area Chamber of Commerce	Mary Mortier	150
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce	Robin Zinchuk	340
Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce	Aaron Drisko	250
Upper Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce	Erin Marden	196
Boothbay Chamber of commerce	Don Gilbert	375
Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce	Jaimie Kleinstiver	320
SCORE – state of Maine	Skip Orem	185
Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce	Michael McClellan	72
Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber	Catherine Glover	160
St. Croix Valley Chamber of Commerce	Peter Cline	85

Camden Rockport Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce	Peter Cline	700
Caribou Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Wendy Landis	235
Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce	Heather O'Bryan	211
Deer Isle-Stonington Chamber of Commerce	Dennis Lyford	146
Southern Piscataquis County Chamber of Commerce	Suzanne Carmichael	85
Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce	Roland LaVallee	34
Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce	Margaret Sumpter	563
Farmington-Wilton Chamber of Commerce	Deborah Flight	240
Fort Fairfield Chamber of Commerce	Michael Eisensmith	140
Greater Fort Kent Area Chamber of Commerce	Gail Baker	85
Freeport Merchants Association	Kevin Sullivan	130
Moosehead Lake Region Chamber of Commerce	Jonathan Pratt	90
Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce	Chris Batby	100
Jackman-Moose River Chamber of Commerce	Mike Unrue	75
Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce	Brenda Wheaton	85
Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Chamber of Commerce	Karen Duddy	430
Limestone Chamber of Commerce	Executive Director	35
Lincoln Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce	Cathy Kecki	102
Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce	Louise West	288
Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce	Dennis Michaud	70
Mount Desert Chamber of Commerce	Thomas Brown	50
Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce	Eleanor Vadenais	120
Old Orchard Beach Chamber of Commerce	James Harmon	150
Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce	Rich Livingston	540
Portland Regional Chamber of commerce	Godfrey Wood	1200
Presque Isle Area Chamber of Commerce	Allen Deeves	100
Rangeley Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce	Evelyn McAllister	100
Rockland/Thomaston Area Chamber	Bob Hastings	365
River Valley Chamber of Commerce	Rosie Bradley	110
Sanford/Springvale Chamber of Commerce	Richard Stanley	285
Skowhegan Area Chamber of Commerce	Janeice Holmes	105
Southwest Harbor Chamber	Bruce Carlson	90
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce	Kimberly Lindlof	365
Wells Chamber of Commerce	Sandee Marriner	140
Greater Windham Chamber of Commerce	Barbara Clark	215
Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce	Carolyn Schuster	150
Greater York Region Chamber of Commerce	Cathy Goodwin	400
Associated Builders & Contractors	Kathleen Newman	275
Convention & Visitors Bureau of Greater Portland	Barbara Whitten	715
Eastern Maine Charities	Michael Crowley	170
Economic Development Council of Maine	Richard Kelso	165
Freeport Merchants Marketing Association	Kevin Sullivan	110
Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Maine	Sandra Mathieu	85
Maine AFL-CIO	Edward Gorham	260
Maine Antiques Dealers Association	Pat Center	340

Maine Association of Community Banks	Christopher Pinkham	230
Maine Bankers Association	Joseph Pietroski	265
Maine Center for Economic Policy	Christopher S. John	95
Maine Development Foundation	Laurie Lachance	80
Maine Funeral Directors Association	Sally Belander	105
Maine International Trade Center	Richard Coyle	230
Maine Merchants Association	Jim McGregor	340
Maine Metal Products Association	Lisa Martin	75
Maine Oil Dealers Association	Jamie Py	140
Maine Restaurant Association	Richard Grotton	430
Piscataquis County Economic Development Council	Mark Scarano	35
Portland Board of Realtors	Kelly Craig	85
Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission	Paul Schumacher	40
Women, Work & Community	Linda Buckmaster	80
Maine Crafts Association	Susan Williams-Lindgern	725
United Maine Craftsman	Laurie Kelly	680
Lewiston-Auburn Econ. Development Corp	Lucian Gosslin	45
State of Maine SBA Lenders	all Maine banks sent individually	800
Maine Small Business Advisory Council	present/past members	110
Maine Municipal Association	Christopher Lockwood	460
Maine Campground Owners Association	Pat Kowalski	380
Maine Snowmobile Association	Bob Meyers	275
Total Outreach:		30,823

Testifiers:

1. **Thomas Campbell – commenting on behalf of Michael Martin, President, Martin International Enclosures**

Expressed concerns that EPA is planning to sue Martin International Enclosures for \$14,000 for wastewater violations. Mr. Campbell is an Industrial Pretreatment Manager for the Town of Seabrook, which is the business location of Martin International Enclosures. Written testimony provided to Ombudsman Owens.

2. **Testimony submitted to present on behalf of Catherine-Carty-Wilbur, Wilbur's of Maine Chocolate Confections**

Read into record by Kathryn Weare, Region 1 Reg. Fair Board Member – Concerned that FDA is not 'user' friendly to confectioners throughout New England. Suggests they adopt a "working together" way of doing business with confection companies, rather than a "police state".

3. **Patrice McCarron, Executive Director, Maine Lobstermen's Association**

The majority of fishing gear found on entangled Right Whales is clearly not Maine lobster gear. If Right Whale preservation efforts are to be successful, the burden must be shared by Canada and

other industries who are directly involved in the fishing industry, but who are currently not held accountable for protecting marine mammals.

The proposed broad based gear modifications would mandate all lobstermen up and down the eastern coast of the United States to connect their multi-trawl traps with rope that does not float, but instead sinks to the ocean floor. The Maine Lobstermen's Association opposes these regulations because they are excessive, are not based on science and do not demonstrably reduce entanglement risk to whales in Maine.

These rules do not take into account all of the work the industry has done in the past and continues to do to make whales safer. Balancing concerns for Right Whale preservation along the Maine coast and the economic challenge to the lobster industry are critical considerations for the MLA. As such, there is a long history of activism and responsiveness among Maine lobstermen. But, these proposed rules are overreaching.